

Social Security Administration

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on which the requirements of paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) of this section are met.

Subpart H—Employment Network Payment Systems

§411.500 Definitions of terms used in this subpart.

(a) *Payment Calculation Base* means for any calendar year—

(1) In connection with a title II disability beneficiary (including a concurrent title II/title XVI disability beneficiary), the average monthly disability insurance benefit payable under section 223 of the Act for months during the preceding calendar year to all beneficiaries who are in current pay status for the month for which the benefit is payable; and

(2) In connection with a title XVI disability beneficiary (who is not concurrently a title II disability beneficiary), the average monthly payment of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits based on disability payable under title XVI (excluding State supplementation) for months during the preceding calendar year to all beneficiaries who—

(i) Have attained age 18 but have not attained age 65;

(ii) Are not concurrent title II/title XVI beneficiaries; and

(iii) Are in current pay status for the month for which the payment is made.

(b) *Outcome Payment Period* means a period of 60 months, not necessarily consecutive, for which Social Security disability benefits and Federal SSI cash benefits are not payable to the individual because of the performance of substantial gainful activity (SGA) or by reason of earnings from work. This period begins with the first month, ending after the date on which the ticket was first assigned, for which such benefits are not payable due to SGA or earnings. This period ends with the 60th month, consecutive or otherwise, ending after such date, for which such benefits are not payable due to SGA or earnings.

(c) *Outcome Payment System* is a system providing a schedule of payments to an employment network (EN) for each month, during an individual's outcome payment period, for which Social

Security disability benefits and Federal SSI cash benefits are not payable to the individual because of work or earnings.

(d) *Outcome Payment* means the payment for an outcome payment month.

(e) *Outcome Payment Month* means a month, during the individual's outcome payment period, for which Social Security disability benefits and Federal SSI cash benefits are not payable to the individual because of work or earnings. The maximum number of outcome payment months for each ticket is 60.

(f) *Outcome-Milestone Payment System* is a system providing a schedule of payments to an EN that includes, in addition to any outcome payments which may be made during the individual's outcome payment period, payment for completion by a beneficiary of up to four milestones directed toward the goal of permanent employment. The milestones for which payment may be made must occur prior to the beginning of the individual's outcome payment period.

§411.505 How is an EN paid by SSA?

An EN can elect to be paid under either the outcome payment system or the outcome-milestone payment system. The EN will elect a payment system at the time the EN enters into an agreement with SSA. (For State VR agencies, see §411.365.) The EN may periodically change its elected payment system as described in §411.515.

§411.510 How is the State VR agency paid under the Ticket to Work program?

(a) The State VR agency's payment choices are described in §411.355.

(b) The State VR agency's decision to serve the beneficiary must be communicated to the program manager (PM). (See §411.115(k) for a definition of the PM.) At the same time, the State VR agency must notify the PM of its selected payment system for that beneficiary.

(c) For each beneficiary who is already a client of the State VR agency prior to receiving a ticket, the State VR agency will notify the PM of the payment system election for each such beneficiary at the time the beneficiary